

Digital Television copyright protection standards would greatly harm the public in two ways. First, by forcing additional upgrades on those people who have already purchased HDTV and HDTV-capable sets, and second by substantially reducing the utility of DVR appliances (i.e., TiVo, ReplayTV). Furthermore, while it is possible that such a standard would, to some small degree, prevent casual copyright infringement by the American public, it would, as all such systems must, fail to prevent large-scale, commercial copyright infringement while simultaneously providing absolutely no benefit to the aforementioned citizenry.